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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION,

Held with

QUITMAN BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 24 and 25, 1891.

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QUITMAN, MISSI, SEPT. 2d, 1881.

The CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in Quitman, on Friday, September 2d. The session was held in the Methodist house of worship, which had been kindly tendered for the occasion. Eld. J. W. Bozeman, moderator, called the Association to order, and after appropriate devotional exercises, Brothers L. E. Hall and T. L. Hurlbutt were requested to read the church letters. The following churches were represented by letter and delegates, to-wit:

Meridian: Eld J. W. Bozeman, W P Broach, T L Hurlbutt.

Enterprise: Frank C. McGee, A B George.

Quitman: Elds W D Northrup, S Eggerton.

DeSoto: By letter.

Shubuta: Eld J M Phillips.

Salem: S W Leard, Eld W West.

Buckatunna: Joseph Davis.

State Line: Jno. O. Grisham.

New Hope, Concord, Lauderdale and New Zion were not represented.

Brothers J L Slay and W W Barnett were appointed tellers to take the vote for officers of the Association, and reported the following elected: Moderator, Eld W D Northrup; clerk, Frank C McGee.

Correspondence was called for, when the following brethren were received and welcomed as messengers: Eld L. E. Hall, from State Mission Board; Eld C M Partin, from Salem Association; Eld W W Barnett, from Southeast Association, and Brother J. L. Slay from Liberty Association. Brother Geo W Knight was afterwards received from Liberty Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional Exercises: Joseph Davis, W P Broach, and delegates from Quitman church.

Finance: Jno O Grisham, T L Hurlbutt, Joe Davis.

Education: W D Northrup, J O Grisham, S W Leard, A B George.

State Missions: J W Bozeman, Joe Davis, L E Hall.

Foreign and Home Missions: J M Phillips, J O Grisham, J L Slay, W West.

Sunday Schools: T L Hurlbutt, Frank C McGee, W W Barnett.

Nominations and Requests: W P Broach, S W Leard, W D Northrup.

Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows:

Mt Pisgah Association: W P Broach, J U McCormick.

Choctaw: J W Bozeman, W P Broach.

Liberty: S W Leard, Joe Davis.

Salem: F C McGee, J M Phillips, W West, W D Northrup.

Bethlehem: J F Parker, F C McGee.

Gulf Coast: J O Grisham.

General Association: F C McGee, W D Northrup, J M Phillips, S W Leard, J O Grisham, W H Hardy.

Southeast Association: A J Gray, W West.

After prayer by Eld J W Bozeman, adjourned to 2 1/2 o'clock p m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld C M Partin.

Eld J. W. Bozeman offered the following resolutions, which were warmly advocated by the brethren present, and adopted unanimously:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Association, that Baptist churches ought to take a decided stand against their members manufacturing, selling or using intoxicating liquors, except as medicines.
2. That we deplore and condemn the practice of church members going into saloons, or signing petitions for others to sell intoxicating liquors.

After devotional exercises, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Association met at 9½ o'clock a m. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered and business was resumed.

The day was devoted principally to the discussion and adoption of the reports of committees. The reports were all adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Finance report the following amounts sent up by the churches: For State Missions, Enterprise Church, \$17.00; Shubuta, \$15.10; State Line, \$7.50—total \$39.60. For Home Missions, Salem, \$5.40. For Associational purposes, Salem church, \$2.50; DeSoto, \$1.00; State Line, \$2.50; Shubuta, \$4.50. Buckatunna, \$1.00; Quitman, \$1.75; Meridian, \$3.00—total \$16.25. Total amount sent up for all purposes, \$61.25.

J. O. GRISHAM, Chm'n.

Your Committee on Nominations and Requests, submit the following: We find requests from Shubuta and Buckatunna churches, that our next session be held with them. We recommend that the request of Buckatunna church be granted, and our next meeting held with that church. We would make the following nominations: Eld J M Phillips to preach the next introductory sermon, Eld W West, alternate; Eld W D Northrup, the missionary sermon, Eld J W Bozeman, alternate.

W. P. BROACH, Chm'r.

While it would seem unnecessary, at this late day in the history of Sunday Schools, to urge the great importance of establishing and sustaining Sunday Schools in the churches, it may not be unprofitable to suggest a few facts in regard to them, and those whom they are intended to affect. It has become evident that the minds of the young can be more easily and more permanently impressed than of those advanced in years; that we cannot, in our homes, devote to the moral and spiritual education of our children the time and attention which the importance of the work demands; that, since during five days of

the week we see the advantages of capacities, we should, in training, show the Education is becoming greatly to be a weapon according to the will of an enemy. Sunday Schools are themselves. They are 2. By whom should be for God, for His the exercises, the degrees of merit, Schools, in the training manner, the who should attend their children, the letters sent, the membership of the is only 440; and organization at all the church may not even send them and should be required. Let our churches report better precept and example the importance of this business. Respect

Your committee manifested in the composing this demands. We claim report having done our own state, and missions. These things in converting are doing what it calls for which a church with one another the *main* purpose churches compared churches and America they fail to fulfil. Your committee churches should

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the week we send our children to school where they may enjoy the advantages of every facility for the development of their mental capacities, we should, by giving them the advantages of Sunday School training, show them that we have also a care for their spiritual welfare. Education is becoming more and more generally considered a possession greatly to be desired; but, while the advantages of a good education cannot be too highly extolled, it becomes a useful or dangerous weapon according as it is placed in the hands of a soldier of the cross, or of an enemy of Christ. There are, connected with the subject of Sunday Schools, some questions that equal in importance the subject itself. They are: 1. How should Sunday Schools be conducted? 2. By whom should they be attended? While, above all, reverence for God, for His house, and for His worship, should characterize all the exercises, due regard must be had to the different capacities and degrees of mental advancement of those gathered in the Sunday Schools, in the respect of presenting the truth to them in an interesting manner, thereby rendering it the more effective for good. As to who should attend Sunday School, all the members of the church, all their children, and all whom they can influence. An examination of the letters sent up by the churches reveals the fact that, while the membership of the churches is reported as 581, that of the Sunday Schools is only 440; and that some of the churches have no Sunday School organization at all. From this statement we find that not only do not all the church members attend Sunday School, but also that they do not even send their children. So, we see, great improvement might and should be made in the direction of Sunday School attendance. Let our churches, at the next meeting of the Association, be prepared to report better progress in this matter; and let us all, brethren, by precept and example, impress upon the minds of both young and old the importance of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Respectfully submitted, T. L. HURLBUTT, Chm'n.

Home and Foreign Missions.

Your committee beg leave to report, that there is not that interest manifested in the cause of missions by the members of the churches composing this Association, which the importance of the work demands. We claim to be a missionary body, and yet only three churches report having done anything for missions beyond the bounds of their own state, and only four report having done anything for state missions. These things ought not so to be. One of the purposes of God in converting a soul is that that soul may glorify Him in the world, by doing what it can to extend the knowledge of salvation. One object for which a church is organized is that its members may co-operate with one another in efforts to give the Gospel to others. And one of the main purposes for which an Association is organized is that the churches composing it may unite in the work of missions. When churches and Associations neglect to engage heartily in this great work they fail to fulfill the mission for which they were organized.

Your committee offer the following reasons why the members of our churches should give more liberally to missions:

1st. Because Christ was a missionary. The climax proof of his

messiahship was, that *he preached the Gospel to the poor*. His was a missionary spirit. And "he that sayeth He abideth in him, ought also to walk even as He walked." "He has suffered, leaving us an example that we should follow His steps."

2d. Christ has commanded his disciples to engage in the work of missions. He has told them to go and teach *all* nations. It is the duty of those who cannot go in person, to aid in sending and supporting those who can go. Says Christ: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "If a man love me, he *will* keep my words." If we fail to obey the command of Jesus to aid in giving the Gospel to the heathen, how can we consistently say that we love Him?

3d. Because of the worth of souls. The soul is of infinite value; and the Gospel is the only means by which it may be saved from infinite suffering. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. Hence, the importance of Christians doing what they can to give the good news of salvation to the perishing. We recommend that pastors preach more frequently on the subject of missions, that Sunday School teachers impress the importance of the subject on the minds of their pupils, and that parents educate their children to be missionaries in spirit. We further recommend that our members take and read the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; so as to inform themselves as to what our foreign mission board is doing; and that our churches provide their Sunday schools with Kind Words, published at Macon, Ga., so that they may learn something of what is being done by our home board for home and Indian missions. Respectfully submitted, J. M. PHILLIPS, Chm'n.

State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report:

1. That we consider the work of State Missions one of great importance and deserving the hearty co-operation of Baptists in every part of our State. The vast destitution on our southern and western borders, added to much in the interior, calls for many preachers and liberal contributions for their support.
2. That we commend the noble example of this little Association of only 634 church members, in contributing during the past year \$468.80 to State Missions, an average of 75 cents to each member. No stronger evidence could be given of our abiding interest in this grand and growing work of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.
3. That we express our gratitude for the efficient services rendered in protracted meetings within our bounds by Brother L. E. Hall, an Evangelist under the appointment of our State Mission Board. We entertain the hope that the board will continue and enlarge Bro. Hall's evangelistic work in our borders and adjacent regions.
4. That we reaffirm our full confidence in the devotion, honesty, wisdom and efficiency of our State Mission Board at Oxford, Miss., and also of the Secretary of the Board, Bro. T. J. Walne. We commend them all to the heartiest sympathy, prayers and aid of God's people.
5. That we earnestly urge upon the State Mission Board to take

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cognizance of the destitution in southeast Mississippi, and especially in our territory and the territory lying contiguous to it, and we request the appointment of Bro. L. E. Hall, or some other strong man, for the whole or part of his time, to labor therein.

J. W. BOZEMAN, Chairman.

On Education.

There is no argument necessary to prove the importance of education. It is admitted by all thinking men to be paramount to all other interests, save that of the religion of Christ. What we most need is the education of the masses. To this end we would recommend our brethren to establish schools in every neighborhood where there are none. Brethren, educate your children. We are blessed with institutions of learning in our State, such as Mississippi College, at Clinton, for boys, and Meridian Female College, at Meridian; for girls. We commend these institutions to our brethren who have sons and daughters to educate. Let us build up our own institutions. We also believe that our people should give greater attention to ministerial education. A minister is better able to teach his people after receiving the advantages afforded by a literary and theological education. The people are rising in intelligence, and the ministry must be educated or our cause will suffer in many places. Let all the brethren give liberally to the cause of ministerial education, and in this connection we urge it upon our people to sustain Bro. Geo. Knight while he is endeavoring to obtain an education at Clinton. We recommend the continuance of the old committee on ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. D. NORTHRUP, Chm'n.

The standing committee on ministerial education was continued with Eld. W. West and Frank C. McGee added. Contributions will be received and forwarded by either one of the members of the committee.

On motion it was agreed that the next meeting of the Association be held on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1882.

It was resolved to sustain brother Geo. W. Knight, while pursuing his studies at Clinton, as far as possible, and the sum of \$25.50 was raised in pledges and money for that object.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association being present at a meeting of any sister body with which we correspond, upon presenting a copy of our minutes, will be recognized as a messenger from us.

Resolved, That our thanks be and are hereby tendered to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That our brethren and sisters, and other citizens of Quitman are hereby tendered our thanks for their hospitable entertainment of this body.

After extending the parting hand, and engaging in prayer, the Association adjourned to meet with Buckatunga church, Wayne county, Mississippi, on Friday before the last Sunday in September, A. D. 1882.

Wm. D. NORTHRUP, Moderator.

FRANK C. MCGEE, Clerk.

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom; by the concentration of christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Delegates and messengers; the first class, only, having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches, which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be allowed two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall, in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association, unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between churches be discussed, until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon; and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator, and clerk, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association, no brother being eligible to the office of moderator more than two years in succession.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority; while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept, by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sin-

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ners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline, agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ, only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of, before any other motion can be entered.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

W. WEST, Waynesboro, Miss.

J. M. SAMMON, Waynesboro, Miss.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Shubuta, Miss.

W. D. NORTHRUP, Quitman, Miss.

J. W. BOZEMAN, Meridian, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Statistical Report of Contributions.

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As will be seen from the foregoing, the reports are not full, though the exhibit is a gratifying one, showing as it does, of the churches reporting, that there has been contributed by the Association for various religious purposes an average of 88.36 per member. The clerk will send with each package of minutes one or more blank Association Letters, which it is hoped the clerks of the churches will preserve and fill out for the next meeting of the Association.

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HELD WITH

BUCKATUNNA BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 22d and 23d, 1882.

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BUCKATUNNA, MISS., SEPT. 22D, 1882.

The CHICKASAW BAPTIST Association held its 7th annual session with the church at Buckatunna beginning this day. The moderator being absent, Eld. J. M. Phillips was called to the chair, and requested Brothers W. H. Hardy and W. H. Patton to read the letters from the churches, and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Lauderdale: Not represented.

Meridian: J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, Jesse Bounds, R. H. Whitfield.

Enterprise: Frank C. McGee, A. F. McGee.

Quitman: Not represented.

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Shubuta: W. H. Patton, J. M. Phillips, T. W. Tullos.

Concord: Daniel Beard.

New Hope: T. J. Holcombe, J. L. Gray.

Waynesboro, (Salem): S. W. Leard, W. B. Robinson, W. West.

Buckatunna: Joseph Davis, G. W. Marshall.

State Line: Jno. P. Seabrook, J. O. Grisham, W. B. Thomas.

Corresponding messengers present as follows:

Southeast Liberty Association: T. E. Tucker, S. M. Tucker, T. B. Shoemaker.

Salem: Benj. Thigpen, W. C. Phillips.

State Mission Board: M. C. Cole, L. E. Hall.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, Brothers W. C. Phillips and L. E. Hall acting as tellers. Eld. J. M. Phillips was elected moderator, and Frank C. McGee, clerk.

Petitionary letters being called for, letters were presented by Clear Creek church, at the hands of W. Z. West and H. H. Rowell as delegates, and Big Creek church by W. D. Cochran as delegate. On motion both churches were received into the Association by a unanimous vote, and the delegates cordially welcomed by the moderator. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

On motion of Bro Hardy a committee on sustentation was added to the regular committees. The following committees were announced:

On Finance: W. H. Patton, R. H. Whitfield, S. W. Leard.

Devotional Exercises: Delegates from Buckatunna and W. H. Hardy, W. Z. West.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows:

Mt Pisgah: W. H. Hardy, J. W. Bozeman.

Choctaw: T. A. Moore, F. C. McGee, W. H. Patton.

Liberty: W. D. Northrup, G. W. Marshall, F. C. McGee.

Salem: Daniel Beard, W. West, J. M. Phillips.

Bethlehem: R. H. Whitfield, Joel Towers.

Gulf Coast: H. H. Moore, W. H. Patton, J. W. Bozeman, Jesse Bounds, W. H. Hardy.

General Association: J. W. Bozeman, W. West, W. H. Hardy, H. H. Rowell.

Southeast: Joseph Davis, A. J. Gray, W. B. Thomas.

Delegates to State Convention: W H Patton, A J Gray, F C McGee, J W Bozeman, W D Northrup, Joe Davis, W West, J M Phillips, H H Moore.

The following Committee on Education was appointed with instructions to report after dinner: W H Hardy, Joe Davis, F C McGee.

On motion, adjourned to 2 1/2 o'clock this evening, after prayer and praise.

FRIDAY EVENING 2 1/2 O'CLOCK.

Association met and, after devotional exercises, proceeded to business. The moderator announced the appointment of further committees as follows: State Missions—J W Bozeman, W H Patton, W Z West.

Foreign and Home Missions—J P Seabrook, T J Holcombe, H H Rowell.

Nominations and Requests—Jesse Bounds, J O Grisham, G W Marshall.

Suspension—W H Patton, W West, W H Hardy, A F McGee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld W West should preach the introductory sermon to-night in place of Eld J M Phillips, who is excused at his request; Eld M C Cole to preach Saturday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock; Eld W D Northrup the missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, in his absence Eld J W Bozeman to act; Eld L E Hall, Sunday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock; Sundry School mass-meeting Sunday morning at 9 o'clock to be addressed by Brothers Bozeman, Hall, Whitfield, F C McGee and Patton. The moderator to intersperse the business with devotional exercises.

W H Hardy, chairman, submitted the following report on Education, which, after being warmly discussed, was adopted:

Your Committee on Education submit the following:

Education is a broad term and means a great deal. A man may be educated in vice and immorality, and may by study become thoroughly conversant with the arts and wiles of deceiving, of appealing to be what he is not, and may be as well educated in rascality, as in law or medicine, or theology, or agriculture. No graver responsibility then can rest upon a community or individual than that of educating, training, forming the mental and moral character of the young. It is not learning so much that we need as correct learning, or learning that which is right and true. There is a principle in natural philosophy that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time. We have also the divine declaration that "we cannot serve two masters," and so we draw the conclusion that a man's life and character must be on the side of evil or on the side of good.

How important then is the subject of education. It should begin in the family circle. It is reported that a Catholic Archbishop once said: "Give me the children of America, and in twenty years I will have America." This is but the sequence of the divine truth uttered by Solomon—"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." And the wise man might have said with equal truth, "Train him in the way he should not go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

How should we educate? First by example. Eternity alone will disclose the vast multitudes who have been ruined by the power and force of example. Here a fearful responsibility rests upon all, especially upon Christians, that the education, the training they are giving to those within the circle of their influence shall be for good and not for evil. We should also educate by precept, taking care always that the precepts inculcated are sanctioned by truth and morality. As to schools, in our opinion, it is the duty of Christians to establish, support and sustain schools that may afford opportunities for acquiring a knowledge of the arts and sciences. Our state has undertaken to establish a system of free public schools that all children within its borders may have facilities for acquiring a common school education. We believe it to be the duty of all good citizens to sustain them as opportunity offers, and to endeavor to make them efficient. For higher education Baptists, though by some designated as ignorant, occupy the front rank and can boast of as many or more institutions of learning in the state than any other denomination. This is not said in a spirit of boastfulness, but to encourage our brethren in the great work. Among all these institutions stands pre-eminently our college at Clinton. With a board of trustees selected from the ablest and most pious men in our state, and a faculty distinguished for learning, piety and exalted integrity, this school stands second to none in the south. Not only have we all the appliances there for intellectual culture, but a moral

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We commend Meridian Female College for the higher education of our daughters. Located at Meridian where there is a strong church and strong Baptist influences it is safe to say that not only their minds but their hearts will also be educated.

We recommend the continuance of the Committee on Ministerial Education, and that the churches of this Association continue to sustain Brother G. W. Knight until his course is completed. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARDY, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted to the clerk, and brother W. H. Patton appointed clerk pro tem. After devotional exercises adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 23D.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after appropriate devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Escatawpa church (Washington Co., Ala.) applied by letter for membership in the Association and was duly received.

Elders S. O. Y. and G. W. Knight being present were invited to seats with us. The following report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance report the following amounts sent up by the churches: **FOR STATE MISSIONS:** Enterprise \$5.00; Shubuta, \$5.30; DeSoto, 1.00; New Hope, 1.50—Total \$12.80. **FOREIGN MISSIONS:** New Hope, \$1.50; Clear Creek, 5.00—Total \$6.50. **MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:** State Line, \$5.00. **ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES:** DeSoto, \$1.00; Big Creek, 1.00; Clear Creek, 1.50; Concord, 50c.; Salem, 2.50; Shubuta, 3.50; Luckatunna, 1.50; New Hope, 1.00; Enterprise, 2.50; Meridian, 5.00; State Line, 3.00; Escatawpa, 1.50—Total \$24.50. Total for all purposes, \$48.80.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PATTON, Chm'n.

The following report on Sunday Schools after being fully discussed was adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report: The question of the importance of this work has surely been settled long ago, as well as its relation to the church. To say that it is a subject "worn thread-bare" is to say we are weary of this grand and glorious sun that rises in its interminable round to illuminate and cheer this earth and make the day, the year, the century and yet the jubilee of a thousand years. The Sunday School is ever fresh, is growing in freshness and ever will, but the sad feature of the great work is the want of interest taken by our churches and their individual members. The Sunday School is a part of the church, an important part and as such should be under its direct control. It is the church at work. It is said to be the nursery of the church where the tender plants are gathered together and cared for and trained for the vineyard.

The principal officers should be appointed by the church. The teachers should be members of the church and parents of the children as far as practicable; the expenses should be borne by the church, and thus relieve the children of the idea that they are paying for the privilege of the school. We deem it the duty of each member of the church to work for the Sunday School as faithfully as is usually expected of the superintendent. We recommend the continued use of Kind Words and National Lesson Papers, and urge upon parents the more thorough preparation of the lessons on the part of their children, and especially do we urge upon the teachers the supplying themselves with the necessary aid in preparing for the great work they undertake. We recommend that our pastors be requested, at least once during the coming year, to preach to their churches on the relation of the church to the Sunday School, and urge upon them more active interest in the work and let us have at our next annual meeting such reports from the churches on their Sunday Schools as will make our hearts glad.

All of which is respectfully submitted, R. H. WHITFIELD, Chm'n.

Eld. J. W. Bozeman, chairman, read the report of the Committee on State Missions, and on motion of Bro. W. H. Hardy, it was made the special order to be taken up immediately after dinner.

Judge Benj. Thigpen, messenger from the General Association, presented the claims of the Indian Mission among the Choctaws under the auspices of that body.

The Committee on Nominations and Requests made the following report which was adopted:

We recommend that the request of Enterprise church be granted and that our next session be held with that church. We offer the following nominations: Eld. J. W. Bozeman to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. M. Phillips alternate; Eld. W. West to preach the missionary sermon, Elder T. A. Moore, alternate.

Submitted, JESSE BOUNDS, Chm'n.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

Eld. J. W. Bozeman presented the following, which, after being warmly advocated by a number of the brethren, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this Association, 1st, That all our churches should take a high and firm stand against intoxicating liquors, as to their manufacture, use, or sale.

2d. That it is wrong for any church member to visit saloons, or to sign petitions of others to sell intoxicating liquors, or to go on the bonds of liquor sellers.

3. That the cause of Christ is greatly injured by retaining in our churches whiskey drinkers, whiskey sellers, visitors of saloons, and signers of petitions to sell whiskey.

4. That members who persist in making, or using, or selling intoxicating liquors, in visiting saloons, or signing petitions of others to sell such liquors, ought to be brought under church discipline. Intoxicating liquors used only as medicine form an exception to the above.

Questions to be prayerfully considered by every church member: Is it right to vote for whiskey drinkers, or for men who use whiskey to secure votes by treating, or otherwise?

Adjourned to 2½ o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY EVENING 2½ O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order, and after devotional exercises, the hour agreed on having arrived, the report on State Missions was called for and again read by Eld. Bozeman. It was discussed by the brethren and Brother Cole told of the destitution in New Orleans, and after a feeling speech in favor of our work there from Bro. Hardy the report was unanimously adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

This is the work done by the Mississippi Baptist Convention within her bounds, including our own state and that part of Louisiana east of the Mississippi river, in which are the churches of Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The Convention is doing mission work in the above cities and on the coast, in the bottom and at various points in Mississippi. Besides purely missionary service, the Convention aids weak churches to support their pastors, where there is a prospect of establishing efficient congregations. It has also several evangelists in the field, holding revival meetings with the churches, and greatly increasing their members, their activity and contributions. Among these are brethren D. L. and John Purser and L. E. Hall. In addition to these methods of work, several colporteurs under the appointment of the Convention have been travelling through the country conducting meetings and selling good books. The Convention is doing grand service in many departments of religious work, and it merits the sympathy and the prayers, the cooperation and the contributions of all Baptists. The work is growing rapidly and taking firm hold upon the hearts of our people.

The Board that directs State Missions is located at Oxford, Miss., and is composed of wise and faithful brethren. The secretary of State Missions, Eld. T. J. Walne of Clinton, Miss., a true man of God, and a servant of marked ability in this important work to which the Convention has called him, needs no introduction to well-informed Baptists.

The work on the Coast where brethren I. A. Hailey and O. D. Bowen labor and that in New Orleans where Bro. M. C. Cole, ministers should elicit the special sympathy of this Association. We recommend the appointment of a suitable man to act as Evangelist and colporteur, in the territory contiguous

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The Committee was adopted:

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to our bounds. In this connection we desire to speak in the highest commendation of the work done among us by Eld. L. E. Hall, an evangelist under the appointment of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOZEMAN, Chm'n.

The Committee on Sustentation made the following report and the same was adopted:

We, your Committee on Sustentation, cannot do better than to adopt the language of the Baptist State Convention, at its last session, upon this subject, which is substantially as follows: "The objects of the Board of Sustentation are to hunt out all superannuated indigent Baptist ministers and indigent families of deceased Baptist ministers within our bounds, and to raise the necessary funds for their support. This is a noble work and ought to secure the hearty co-operation of all Baptists in the state. We cannot stand acquitted in the sight of God so long as there is a superannuated Baptist minister in the state who suffers for the necessities or comforts of life. And this is true with regard to the families of deceased ministers. There are such cases in Mississippi, and some have been reported to the board—one after preaching a third of a century draws a partial support from the pauper fund of his county. It does not comport with the character of the Baptists of Mississippi to suffer such things. Your committee recommend: 1st. That the ministers within the bounds of the convention be urged to hunt out all superannuated indigent Baptist ministers, and indigent families of deceased Baptist ministers within their respective spheres and report the same to the Board of Sustentation at Meridian. 2d. That they bring the matter of contributing to this object before their churches."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PATTON, Chm'n.

'HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following was received and adopted:

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have thirty-five missionaries and twenty-six assistants in the different quarters of the world. Of these, three missionaries with their wives are from Mississippi, viz.: Bro. E. Z. Simmons and wife, at Canton, China; Bro. Willie David and wife, at Lagos, Western Africa, and Bro. J. H. Eager and wife, in Rome, Italy.

The white Baptists of the Southern States have thirty-four mission stations, supplied with sixty-one missionaries and assistants, having 740 members and receiving 126 additions by baptism during the past year. Of the mission stations, 16 are in China, 6 in Africa, 4 in Italy, 4 in Brazil and 2 in Mexico. To sustain these laborers \$62,231.84 were contributed last year. Of this amount the Baptists of Mississippi gave \$3,174.50; less than five cents for each Baptist in the state. It is distressing to know that of 908 Baptist churches in this state, 745 churches gave not one cent toward sending the gospel to the heathen. The lack of organized effort and the absence of information about the foreign mission work are believed to be the causes for these meagre results.

Your committee respectfully represent that it is impossible to prepare a suitable report on this important subject in the extremely limited time allotted for the task. To love an individual we must be intimately acquainted with him. To love a cause—we must be thoroughly conversant with it. To give of our substance to missions a fair proportion of our means, we must be informed of the extent and cause of the demands made upon us. Hence a report should embrace such information as will cause our churches to labor in the direction of furnishing needed aid to the spread of the gospel.

To this end your committee recommend the continuance of its members as a committee to prepare a report for our next annual Association, that shall embrace such information on the subject of home and foreign missions as shall tend to a fuller development of the missionary spirit in the churches of our Association; and it shall be their further duty to secure as large an amount for home and foreign missions as possible; report and funds to be forwarded to next Association by the delegates of their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SEABROOK, Chm'n.

Collections were taken up during the session of the Association for various objects as follows: Sustentation \$16.00; Indian mission among the Choclaws, \$6.00; For First Baptist Church in New Orleans, \$80.00; State Missions, about \$22.00. Total \$124.00.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Brother W. H. Hardy:

1. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby cordially tendered the good people of Buckatunna for their kindness and generous hospitality in entertaining the Association.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered the officers thereof for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

By Brother A. F. McGee:

Resolved, That the sympathies of this Association are heartily in accord with the General Association in the effort to spread the Gospel among the Choctaw Indians in this State, and we earnestly recommend that all Baptists within our bounds contribute of their means and influence to forward this noble cause.

By Brother J. P. Seabrook:

Resolved, That the delegates now in attendance are requested to present the subjects of Ministerial Education and Indian missions to their respective churches at various times during the next Associational year, and raise all the funds possible for these objects and forward the same to the proper officers immediately.

After devotional exercises the brethren extended to each other the parting hand and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Enterprise, on Friday before the last Sunday in September, A. D. 1883.

FRANK C. McGEE, Clerk.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Moderator.

FRANK C. McGEE, Clerk & Treasurer, In acct. with Chickasahay Association

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Asso'nal Purposes.....	24 50	printing and distributing min.....	24 50
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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKSAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers; the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be allowed two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall be organized upon, and, after the election of officers, shall be subject to the election of officers of the Association more than once.

Art. 8. The decisions of all deliberative bodies shall be the basis of all decisions.

Art. 9. Church members, by their body, may become members of the Association, and letters of dismission, therefor, by the churches, shall claim the right of membership, or dismission.

Art. 10. This Association shall meet annually at its annual meeting of delegates present; and shall have been subject to the decisions of the Association.

1. We believe in the power and glory.

2. We believe that the Bible is the inspired written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

3. We believe in man's inability to reach God by his own efforts.

4. We believe that the salvation of the world is by faith in Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that the righteousness of God is by faith in Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that the knowledge of God is by the knowledge of His Son, Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the principle of love is the basis of all Christian conduct.

8. We believe in the general judgment, of the wicked will be punished.

9. We believe that the sons only, who have the New Testament.

10. We believe that the government of the church is by the Holy Spirit.

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Standing Committee

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Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator, and a clerk who shall be ex officio treasurer of the Association, no brother being eligible to the office of moderator more than two years in succession.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept, by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline, agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.
11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ, only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.
13. We believe that regularly baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Elders J. W. BOZEMAN, D. D.,	T. A. MOORE,	W. D. NORTHRUP.
J. M. PHILLIPS,	W. WEST,	J. M. SAMMONS,
STEPHEN HILBURN.		

Standing Committee on Ministerial Education.—Dr. A. H. Smith, Chairman;
W. H. Patton, A. J. Gray, W. West, Frank C. McGee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR/PREV.	PASTORS.	S.S. Off. & Teach.	4 S. Scholars.	Total Member...	Dead	Excluded	Dismissed by let	Restored	Received by let.	No. Baptized
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Meridian (b)	Meridian, Miss.	J. W. Doxman	180	201	381	3	3	4	3	3	3
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. M. Phillips	56	25	81	3	3	4	3	3	3
Quinnan (2)	Quinnan	Not represented	38	23	61	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Shubuta	Shubuta	do	76	93	169	6	6	6	6	6	6
Clear Creek	"	do	50	22	72	2	2	2	2	2	2
New Hope	"	T. E. Tucker	64	15	79	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salem	Tokio	W. West	24	3	27	2	2	2	2	2	2
Concord	Shubuta	S. Hilburn	18	15	33	3	3	3	3	3	3
Buckatunga	Buckatunga	J. M. Sammons	39	66	105	4	4	4	4	4	4
Big Creek	Winchester	W. West	109	66	175	4	4	4	4	4	4
State Line	State Line	S. O. V. Ray	43	4	47	4	4	4	4	4	4
Escatawpa	Escatawpa, Ala.		489	55	544	11	11	11	11	11	11

*Estimated. (b) Number of S. S. Scholars and teachers from last year's minutes. (2) Statistics from last year's minutes.

NOTE:—The churches generally failed to send up detailed statements of amounts of money collected and paid out for various purposes, hence it is impossible for the clerk to present a complete table. Of the churches reporting the following is a summary of amounts expended for various religious purposes: Meridian, \$1,808.52; Enterprise, \$221.00; Shubuta, \$354.20; Salem, \$317.00; Buckatunga, \$33.00; State Line, \$288.40. Total amount reported, \$3,821.72. It would be a safe estimate to say that the other eight churches expended at least \$400.00, and this would bring the grand total up to \$3,601.72, or an average of \$4.70 per member. It is desired that the clerks of the churches will use the form of letter sent with the minutes to be forwarded to the next meeting in order that a full report of the work of the churches may be prepared for the minutes of the next session.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.
2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.
3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.
4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.
5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.
6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.
7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of, before any other motion can be entertained.
8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.
9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.
10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present.

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OF THE

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ENTERPRISE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Beginning September 23th, 1883.

J. W. BOZEMAN, D. D., MODERATOR.....MERIDIAN, MISS.
FRANK C. MCGEE, CLERK.....ENTERPRISE, MISS.

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ENTERPRISE, MISS., SEPT. 28TH, 1883.

The CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened this day in its 8th annual session with the church at Enterprise. Eld. J. M. Phillips, the moderator, called the Association to order, and requested Brothers L. M. Stone and W. H. Hardy to read the church letters, which disclosed the following representation:

Bethlehem—T. A. Moore, L. J. Jones.	Salem—J. M. Sammons, J. M. Davis,
Meridian—J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, A. R. Carter.	—P. V. West, W. West.
Enterprise—J. L. George, M. W. Buckley, F. C. McGee, H. R. Ward.	New Hope—Jno. L. Gray.
Quitman—C. R. Harris, Wm. D. Northrup, A. D. Kirkland.	Clear Creek—H. H. Rowell, O. W. Walker.
DeSoto—Willis S. Dabbs, J. Brady, Jr.	Concord—(By Letter.)
Shubuta—L. E. Hall, J. M. Phillips, W. H. Patton.	State Line—Jno. P. Seabrook, B. F. Harris.
	Escatawpa—(By Letter.)
	Buckatunna—Joseph Davis.
	Rig Creek—(By Letter.)

Central Baptist church, Perry county, presented a petitionary letter for membership in the Association, and on motion the church was received, whereupon the moderator extended the hand of welcome and fellowship to Bro. J. M. Stewart, bearer of the letter, and he was seated as a delegate.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers; Eld. J. W. Bozeman was elected moderator and Bro. F. C. McGee, clerk.

The following resolution was adopted in lieu of the appointment of corresponding messengers:

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any kindred body with which we correspond is hereby authorized to act as a messenger from us.

Corresponding messengers were received and welcomed as follows:
Salem Association—T. J. Hardee | Choctaw Association—L. M. Stone
Bethlehem—A. Gressett | Columbus—W. H. Carroll.

State Mission Board—J. B. Gambrell.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us to aid us in our deliberations.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Hardy the following was adopted:

Resolved, That our times of meeting and adjourning be as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.; adjourn at 12½ p. m. and 5½ p. m.

The moderator stated that the Committees would be announced at the evening session, with the exception of the Finance Committee and Committee on Devotional Exercises which were announced as follows:

Finance—Jno. L. Gray, J. M. Stewart, W. H. Patton.
Devotional Exercises—J. P. Seabrook, J. M. Sammons, and the delegates from Enterprise church.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld. W. H. Carroll, D.D., preach the introductory sermon to-night. A good portion of the morning was devoted to hearing reports of revivals, and to devotional exercises.

On motion the Association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator and after singing and prayer proceeded to business.

The following Committees were announced:

Education—W. D. Northrup, Jno. Brady, Jr., H. H. Rowell.

Associational Missions—W. H. Patton, B. F. Harris, Dr. J. L. George, W. H. Hardy, J. M. Stewart.

State Missions—I. E. Hall, J. M. Phillips, C. R. Harris, J. M. Sammons.

Home and Foreign Missions—T. A. Moore, W. S. Dabbs, J. M. Davis.

Sustentation—J. P. Seabrook, W. H. Patton, O. W. Walker.

Nominations and Requests—P. V. West, W. H. Hardy, M. W. Buckley.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Phillips, J. L. Gray, C. R. Harris.

The following resolution, offered by Brother W. H. Hardy, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association hold a mass-meeting in the interest of State Missions on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

On motion of Bro. T. A. Moore the report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The following resolution to amend the Constitution was submitted and approved:

Resolved, That Article 7 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by striking out all after the word "association" in the 4th line of said article.

After devotional exercises the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 29TH, 1883.

Association called to order by the moderator, and after singing and prayer, the body was declared ready for business.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Elds. H. B. Cooper and J. T. Barrett were received and welcomed to the Association.

Ellisville church presented a letter petitioning for membership in the Association. The church was duly received and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator to the delegates, brethren J. M. Bradley and J. M. Shumate.

Bro. J. C. Watts and W. J. Howze were received and welcomed as messengers from Salem Association, and Bro. J. E. Steinwinder from BETHLEHEM.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions submitted by Bro. W. H. Patton, after being fully discussed were unanimously adopted:

1st. That all churches should take a high and firm stand against intoxicating liquors, as to their manufacture, use or sale.

2d. That it is wrong for any church member to visit saloons, or to sign petitions of others to sell intoxicating liquors, or to go on the bonds of liquor sellers.

3d. That the cause of Christ is greatly injured by retaining in our churches whisky drinkers, whisky sellers, visitors of saloons and signers of petitions to sell whisky.

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5th. That in the great contest now going on between the liquor power and morality, law, order and christianity, it behooves every christian to be positively and openly on the right side.

6th. That we recommend to our entire membership to exert every honest influence in their power to arrest the licensed sale of all intoxicants as a leverage, both by the law we have in local option now, and the securing of a still better law by having the question submitted to each district or county to vote upon whether we shall have whisky or no whisky.

On motion, the reports on State Missions and Associational Missions were made the special order for this evening at 3½ o'clock.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions adopted:

What is termed Home Missions is that part of the work of our Southern Convention under the direction of the Board located in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary; and includes all the missions within the bounds of the United States. The Indian Missions have greatly prospered under the labors of the now sainted and glorified H. F. Buckner, whose recent death has left a vacancy which cannot well be filled. His noble wife still remains as a missionary among the people with whom she has so long labored, and Bro. W. T. Blake has been appointed to take the place of Bro. Buckner. Bro. J. B. Hartwell and sister Sanford, the latter from our own State, are laboring among the Chinese of California, and doing a noble work; yet they are greatly in need of suitable buildings for carrying on the work. We who have so comfortable homes and friends and relatives around us, who have plenty and to spare, should remember these our brethren and sisters in their labors of sacrifice and love, and we should count it a great joy and privilege to help them with our means.

By Foreign Missions we mean that part of the work of our Southern Convention under the direction of the Board located in Richmond, Va., of which Dr. H. A. Tupper is the Secretary. We have reason to thank God that there has been an advance step taken recently in our State Convention in the interest of Foreign Missions. We make the following extract from the report adopted at its last meeting: "Whereas, the F. M. Board of the S. B. Convention has resolved to raise \$100,000 for Foreign Missions during this year and have asked us to help in the matter; and, whereas, in apportioning the said amount among the several States, the sum of \$8,000 is suggested as Mississippi's share, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we cordially endorse the movement, and consider \$8,000 none too much for Mississippi to raise during the year.

2. That we suggest the apportionment of the \$8,000 as best we can among the Associations of that portion of the State co-operating with the Convention.

3. That we take some steps toward raising this amount, either by appointing a F. M. agent for the State ourselves or by suggesting said appointment to the F. M. Board and pledge our hearty co-operation.

6. That every pastor in the bounds of this Convention be requested to present the subject of Foreign Missions to his churches at least once a year, and take up a collection for Foreign Missions."

That portion of the report recommending the appointment of a F. M. agent was referred to the Committee on Nominations who recommended that the appointment be left to the F. M. Board. Bro. B. H. Whitfield of Clinton, has been appointed to that office.

When the \$8,000 to be raised by this State is prorated among the 41 associations, our share is about \$300, an average of 25 cents per member. We regard this as a very moderate estimate of what we ought to do for F. Missions; and, recognizing the great importance of the work, and thanking God for the opportunity of lending a helping hand to those who have gone from home and loved ones into foreign lands to rescue the perishing millions, your committee recommend that this Association endorse the action of the convention in reference to its report on F. Missions; and that we show our willingness to co-operate with the F. M. Board by doing all in our power to raise \$300 for the Foreign Mission work.

Another department of work known as the Building Department of the Home Mission Board with Brother G. A. Nunnally, of Rome, Ga., as Corres-

ponding Secretary, has been recently inaugurated. The object of this department is to meet a long felt need of suitable buildings in which our missionaries may teach and preach. The monies used in building these houses are to be regarded as loans made to the various stations with the understanding that when these stations become able they are to return the amount to the Board.

T. A. MOORE, Chm'n.

Report on Nominations and Requests adopted.

Your committee recommend that the request of Escatawpa church to withdraw from this Association for the purpose of uniting with an Association to be formed in Washington county, Ala., be granted, and that the request of Shubuta church for his Association to meet with them next year be granted.

We nominate as delegates to the next Baptist State Convention Wilson West, J. P. Seabrook, J. M. Bradley, A. F. Metcalf; and also nominate the following Board of Ministerial Education: W. H. Patton, B. F. Harris, A. H. Smith, Robt. George, J. M. Shumate.

Submitted,

P. V. WEST, Chm'n.

Adjourned to 2 1/2 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING 2 1/2 O'CLOCK.

Association called to order and opened with praise and prayer.

Report of Committee on Sustentation received, discussed and adopted:

Your Committee on Sustentation respectfully submit the following: At the meeting of the Baptist State Convention at Meridian, Miss., in 1881, the subject of Sustentation was presented, and a Board was appointed to raise funds for superannuated Baptist ministers, and the needy families of deceased Baptist ministers. At the meeting of the convention at Sardis in 1882, J. R. Kirkland was appointed president and W. H. Patton, secretary and treasurer. At Crystal Springs in 1883 the State Convention appointed a new Board on Sustentation, of which Dr. A. B. Smith, of Meridian, is president and W. H. Patton, of Shubuta, is secretary and treasurer. The report of the Board as found in the minutes of the Baptist State Convention for 1883, contains a typographical error in the amount "received from other source" of \$275.00. The actual amount in the hands of the Board is about \$85.00. Very little was expended by the former Board and nothing by the present Board. The amount of funds at the command of the Board is too small to meet the wants of even one person for one year, and it is only a small matter for our Association to provide for the support of one aged minister. Your committee would respectfully recommend that all the churches of this Association be requested to take some steps toward raising funds for this object, and the pastors of the several churches are requested to present the subject to their respective churches. The sustenance of superannuated ministers and the needy families of deceased ministers is a noble and generous charity that appeals feelingly to every child of God.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. SEABROOK, Chm'n.

Reports of Committee on State Missions and Associational Missions were submitted, discussed jointly and both adopted:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee have considered the questions which were referred to them touching Associational Missions within our bounds. We have a church at Lauderdale station of only eleven members that is now without a pastor and will need some aid. We also have urgent calls from Central church in Perry county, and from a number of Baptists at Hattiesburg who expect soon to constitute a church, and also from the churches at Ellisville, Concord, Clear Creek and Big Creek churches for aid. Your committee are advised that at several points on the line of the N. O. & N. E. R. R. there is no preaching by any one of our faith and practice; that towns and villages are springing up on this road and there is a rapid influx of population along the road; then there is much territory lying between the M. & O. R. R. and the N. O. & N. E. R. R. and on the east of the M. & O. R. R. and on the west of the N. O. & N. E. railroad. In fact your committee are oppressed with the magnitude of the mission work that ought to be done and the importance of our denomination occupying this field at once. We therefore recommend that aid be given Elds H B Cooper and J M Phillips, and immediate steps

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Respectfully submitted, W. H. PATTON, Chm'n.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission work, as understood by your committee, is that work which is being done by the State Convention through its mission Board. Its object is to reach the destitution in the state and that portion of the state of Louisiana east of the Mississippi river; to strengthen our weak and languishing churches and to encourage the great Baptist brotherhood throughout the entire state in every work which tends to the advance of God's glory and the salvation of the lost. This work was organized more than eight years ago. Through all the changing vicissitudes of these years, it has been extending its usefulness and increasing its resources for good. Small in the beginning, it has grown with ever increasing ratio until its proportions exceed the fondest hopes of those who inaugurated it. With only one man in the beginning it has increased the number of its missionaries until as many as 40 have been in its employ at one time; between 2,000 and 2,500 have been added to our churches in connection with the labors of its missionaries, enough to make 30 churches as large as the church at Enterprise, churches enough to constitute 3 associations as large as this. Your committee would not undertake to estimate the amount of good which has been accomplished through our State Mission Board. The hundreds who have been brought to the savior through its labors and who will praise God for his salvation forever, are not the only evidences that heaven's benedictions are upon it. Many of our churches have been elevated to a higher standard of christian living and liberality, while all our denominational enterprises where we have any responsibility, both in the state and out of it, have been encouraged. It has had its trial, and like everything else on earth that is dependent on fallible beings for direction, it has perhaps made mistakes; it has been subjected to periods of gloom as it has also been favored with almost unexampled prosperity. To all human appearances there seemed to be but little chance for it to survive the crisis of the last year. Its appropriations exceeded the contributions for its support by several thousand dollars and disaster and ultimate ruin seemed inevitable. But its trials have only been made the test of its security. Contributions from every part of the state flowed into its treasury at the appeal of its secretary until its obligations have been provided for, and to-day the State Mission Board, with its God-given work, is firmly fixed in the hearts and affections of Mississippi Baptists. Your committee feel profoundly grateful for the degree of liberality which has marked the contributions of our churches and earnestly recommend that, as an association, we do all in our power to sustain our State Mission Board. We realize the great need of its influence in our portion of the state and hope that it may be able to furnish every part of our territory with the gospel of the blessed God. We would submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this association regrets the necessity which has compelled the resignation of Bro. T. J. Walne, and that we heartily approve the appointment of Bro J A Hackett as his successor to the office of corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, and that we will cheerfully co-operate with the State Board in sustaining him.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. HALL, Chm'n.

Report on Sunday schools, adopted

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that while some of the churches report flourishing Sunday schools, there is evidently not that interest manifested in the Sunday school work that its importance demands. We believe that all the members of our churches should be actively engaged in this great work. We believe that the Sunday school should be under the control of the church; that its officers and teachers should be elected by the church, just as it elects its pastor and other officers; and that the school should be supported in whole or in part by the church. If the children were relieved of the expense of purchasing their literature, their contributions could be devoted to missions and other benevolent objects. And in this way they would become identified with and interested in the various benevolent enterprises of the denomination. We would urge upon the delegates composing this Association to use their influence with the churches to which they belong, in organizing Sunday schools where there are none, and keeping up and fostering those which are already in existence. We hope the day is not far distant when the reports from the churches will indicate that all the members of our churches, and all the young people and children under our influence are actively engaged in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Chm'n.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education submit the following: So much has been said and written upon this subject and so little done that we scarcely know upon what part of this vast field it is best for us to enter. It would be "love's labor lost" to treat of the training or education of those who have reached or passed the meridian of life, for their education is finished and habits fixed. We must then turn our attention to the youth of our land. It is with them we have to deal and would to God all parents could realize the great responsibilities that lie at their doors! We are commanded "to train up our children in the way we would have them go," "and in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." When and where is this training to begin? Where is the first lesson to be studied and recited, and to whom? We answer at home, and to the parents. Eternity alone will unfold the result of that first lesson. It is so arranged that the early training of children is committed to the mothers, hence the vast importance of female education, high culture and moral training. The first and most important lessons to be taught and impressed upon the minds of our children are love to God, obedience to parents, truthfulness, honesty, morality and sobriety. Our children should be dedicated to God, as Samuel; graduated in truthfulness as Washington. To these the arts and sciences are but subordinates. Yet, while we thus hold, we would not for a moment disparage the mental culture and training of our children, but urge and insist that our brethren avail themselves of every opportunity afforded them. To this end we recommend the public schools of our state. For the higher education of our sons we heartily recommend our Mississippi College as the best and safest in the state in which to educate our sons. We also cordially recommend the Meridian Female College located at Meridian as an institution deserving patronage and support from our people. We recommend the continuance of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. NORTHRUP, Chm'n.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance report the following amounts as sent up and collected in cash during the session of the Association for the purposes stated: Foreign Missions, \$28.20; Home Missions, \$2.00; State Missions, \$100.35; Sustentation, \$22.25; Church building in New Orleans, \$25.00; Associational purposes, \$28.50. Total amount for all purpose, \$206.30.*

Submitted,

J. L. GRAY, Chairman.

*Of the total amount reported above about \$140.00 were collected during the session, the balance was sent up—CLERK.

The following resolutions submitted by Bro. W. H. Hardy, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are cordially tendered the good people of Enterprise for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are likewise due and are

hereby tendered to giving to delegates

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Words of cheer and interchange of good feeling passed between the delegates, and, after devotional exercises and extending the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Shabuta, Miss., on Friday before the last Sabbath in September, 1884.

FRANK C. MCGEE, Clerk. J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FRANK C. MCGEE, Clerk and Treasurer, in account with CHICKSAHAY ASSOCIATION:

DR.		CR.	
Amt rec'd for Foreign Miss'ns.	\$ 28 20	Pd. Hall and Gambrell, State	
Home Missions.	2 00	Missions	\$100 35
State Missions.	100 35	Pd. J. B. Gambrell, Home and	
Sustentation.	22 25	Foreign Missions.	30 20
Amt rec'd for Church Building		Pd. J. B. Gambrell, N. O. chur.	25 00
in New Orleans.	25 00	W. H. Patton, Sustentation.	22 25
Amt. rec'd for Associational		Minutes, stationery & post.	28 50
Purposes	28 50		
Total	206 30	Total	206 30

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKSAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers; the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be allowed two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator, and a clerk who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association, no brother being eligible to the office of moderator more than two years in succession.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		PASTORS		CONTRIBUTIONS.																
	POSTOFFICE			No. Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Z. Z. Officers & Teal.	Pastor's Salary.	Sale Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Ed.	Foreign Missions	Church Ex	Z. Z. Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total Contrib.
Bethlehem	Laurelville	T. A. Moore	17	2	1	1	1	2	11	120	13	\$ 50 00	7 00	4 50	5 00	8 60	30 00	27 00	560 00	72 50
Meridian	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	18	1	1	1	1	1	11	120	13	120 80	1 50	2 00	1 00	25 00	5 00	27 00	40 00	2118 80
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. M. Phillips	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	40	7	1 00	65 00			4 75	5 00	65 00	11 00	313 00
Quitman	Quitman	W. D. Northrup	6	1	1	1	1	1	11	30	3	55 50	3 00	3 00	11 00	3 10	150 00	65 00	20 75	276 00
Desoto	Desoto	J. M. Phillips	6	1	1	1	1	1	11	82	9	300 00	150 00	14 00	11 00	8 85	150 00	50 00	113 00	747 85
Shubuta	Shubuta	L. E. Hall	9	1	1	1	1	1	11	71	8	70 00	44 00	3 00	11 00	10 00	178 00	20 00	292 00	85 00
Salem	Waynesboro	J. M. Phillips	20	1	1	1	1	1	11	105	15	46 00	3 00	2 00	7 00	3 00	28 50	4 50	49 00	49 00
Clear Creek	Shubuta	T. E. Tucker	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	30	3	40 00								
New Hope	Tokio	J. M. Phillips	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	28	3	35 00	1 50			5 15	3 25	45 00	44 90	
Concord	Shubuta	W. West	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	23	3	20 00				11 75	12 00		31 75	
Buckatuna	Buckatuna	J. M. Sammons	14	1	1	1	1	1	11	47	20	20 00	97 00			7 35			401 35	
Big Creek	Winchester	L. E. Hall	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	20	3	20 00								
State Line	State Line	J. T. Barrett	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	18	3	97 00								
Escatawpa	Escatawpa, Ala	J. T. Barrett	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	19	3									
Ellisville	Ellisville, Miss.	H. B. Cooper	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	19	3									
Central	Monroe	H. B. Cooper	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	19	3									

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Patton, F. C. McGee.
 MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—W. H. Patton, B. F. Harris, A. H. Smith, Robert George, J. M. Shumlin.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. W. Bozeman, T. A. Moore, Meridian, Miss.
 J. M. Phillips, L. E. Hall, Shubuta, "
 W. West, J. M. Sammons, Waynesboro, "
 W. D. Northrup, Quitman, "
 Hillbourn, Buckatuna, "

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept, by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline, agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.
11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ, only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.
13. We believe that regularly baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.
2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.
3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.
4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.
5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.
6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.
7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of, before any other motion can be entertained.
8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.
9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.
10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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